ASLTA Board Online meeting via GoToMeeting – March 22, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:14 pm

Present: President Timo Owens 2014-2017
Secretary Christine Multra Kraft 2014-2017
Treasurer Bill Newell 2014-2015
Professional Development Chair Sharon Lott 2013-2015
Conference Chair Kristin Scheibe

Discussion

Technical problems – we tried Blue Jean video conferencing, no luck. Switched to GoToMeeting.
Sharon has trouble seeing group discussion due to wifi(?)

When it looked like we would not be able to have a meeting with a quorum, Bill asked us to consider one urgent item. He asked several insurance companies to submit bids for insurance coverage for ASLTA. The Travelers Insurance company’s bid provided comparable D&O coverage but is $200 dollars cheaper than what we currently have.

Kraft (Newell) moves to accept the Travelers insurance company’s D & O insurance coverage for ASLTA. Passed

Discussion on conference – led by Kristin Schiebe:
One conference registrant requested full refund due to medical reasons. Decided that he needs to send proof.

One appeal received on ‘call for proposal’ denial – more information sent from submitting committee. We reviewed appeal and agreed to accept them to give a 1.5 hour presentation.

7 booth applications in process.

New volunteer chair. Working on recruiting past Minnesota Loon members.

Discussion on shirts. Board agreed to have all the same color shirt – dark blue or light blue.

159 registrants so far.

Newsletter item:
Call for chapters to bid on hosting 2019 conference

Comment from Board: Need more Marketing of the conference. Need to contact individual chapters and have them advertise internally. This is URGENT for the Conference committee – we need to see frequent videos and announcements going out on Facebook, via email, and various personal contact.

President’s report:
Various issues with different chapters. MO ASLTA inactive, planned to give funds to another organization. Timo clarified with the members that if chapter closes down, the funds should go to national ASLTA. Investigated the situation – both National files and MO local files do NOT have a copy of the old bylaws. Since there’s no copy of the bylaws, need to revert to National bylaws, which calls for all chapter monies to revert to the National organization in case of disbanding.

Indiana Chapter is now in good standing.
Virginia and California are in the process of establishing chapters. Timo continues to work with the two. Going through boxes of chapter materials. Student workers are scanning documents starting 2008 to present. Materials older than this will be skimmed for important documents (these will be saved) and tossed.

Question – should keep all minutes? Agreed, yes, scan these. Correspondence since 2008 will be kept (following IRS 7-year document guidelines). Any documents related to the organization will be kept.

ASLHS difficulties. Jason Zinza has health issues, found an assistant. Behind on items to complete, essential for organizational functioning.

Timo dealing with major health issue.

Treasurer report: Working with Kristin on conference.

Insurance – reviewed bids and recommended best (motion passed). Happy to find good coverage for $200 less.

ASLHS form is causing confusion – people are paying $20 when they need to pay $25. Jason Zinza was informed of this in November, but the form has not yet been changed.

Alicia progressing with transfer to new operating software for website. Working out bugs, all is going good. Now starting to work on other priorities.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm

Next meetings will be determined by Doodle poll